Setting up of Steel Plant

396. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Steel Plants proposed to be set up in the state of Orissa in the private sector;

(b) the places identified for the purpose;

(c) the progress made in case of each project; and

(d) the details of the private sector companies who are setting up these steel plants in that state?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) to (d) Updated information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Lok sabha.

Discountinuation of Train between Purna and Parli

397. SHRI SURESH R. JADHAV : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether 347 UP and 348 DN train between Purna and Parli in South Central Railways has been discontinued; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to restart this train at its original time schedule ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) and (b) The run of 347 /348 Purna-Parli passenger which had been discontinued, has been restored w.e.f. 23.09.97.

Bomb on Railway Track

398. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIYA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of bombs found on the Railway line tracks since July 97;

(b) whether the Government have arrested any one/ group in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[Translation]

Action Plan of Railways

399. SHRI JAYSINH CHAUHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railways has formulated a 14-point action plan for generaing additional resources and a 13-point action plan for reducing administrative expenditure;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) to (c) Zonal Railways have been asked to curtails administrative expenditure and augment earings as under :

I. Areas of curtailment of administrative expenditure:

1. Hospitality expenditure
2. Commercial advertisements and publicity
3. Air Travel
4. Other travelling expenses
5. Postage/Courier Service
6. Overtime allowances in Offices
7. Fees and Honoraria
8. Petrol/Diesel for road vehicles
9. Telephone charges especially STDs
10. Seminars/ Workshops/Trainings
11. Photo-Copiers, fax machines
12. Procurement of furniture and fixtures
13. Stationery

II. Measures to augment earnings:

1. Close monitoring of loading and efforts to step up targets.
2. Aggressive marketing to attract high-rated traffic and avoiding diversion of core traffic.
3. Curbing of Ticketless travels.
4. Proper accountal of TTEs money.
5. Correct classification of Commodities, rating, weighting and routing according to extant orders.